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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
BARONE, et al.)
Application No.: 08/574,461) Examiner: N.A. Musto
Filed: 11/30/95) Art Unit: 1818
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR MONITORING POLYMER)
ARRAY SYNTHESIS)
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 30, 1997, please consider the following remarks. A Petition to Extend the Time for response for two months, from March 1, 1997 to May 1, 1997, is submitted herewith (in triplicate). An Appointment of Associate attorney is also enclosed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 pending in the subject application were restricted into five groups. See, Office Action mailed January 30, 1997. To facilitate prosecution, Applicants elect group I, claims 1-15, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to traverse any restriction requirement that may be made in any subsequent related application.

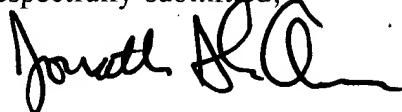
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If a telephone conference would be helpful during consideration of this case,
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Respectfully submitted,



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